

Senate Study Bill 1261

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the employment of school nurses by school
2 districts and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1802SS 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.65 SCHOOL NURSES.
1 2 1. The board of directors of a school district shall
1 3 employ not less than one school nurse for every seven hundred
1 4 fifty students enrolled in the school district to provide
1 5 health services to such students. If the total school
1 6 district enrollment is less than seven hundred fifty students,
1 7 the board of directors of the school district shall, at a
1 8 minimum, employ a school nurse on a less than full-time basis
1 9 for an amount of time which shall be prorated as determined by
1 10 the state board of education by rule.
1 11 2. For purposes of this section, "school nurse" means a
1 12 person who holds a letter of authorization or statement of
1 13 professional recognition issued by the board of educational
1 14 examiners under chapter 272.
1 15 Sec. 2. FUTURE EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July
1 16 1, 2011.
1 17 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
1 18 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
1 19 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
1 20 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
1 21 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
1 22 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
1 23 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
1 24 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
1 25 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
1 26 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.
1 27 EXPLANATION
1 28 This bill requires a school district to employ one school
1 29 nurse for every 750 students enrolled in the school district
1 30 or to, at a minimum, employ a nurse on less than a full-time
1 31 prorated basis if the school district has a total enrollment
1 32 of less than 750 students. The state board is directed to
1 33 determine by rule the minimum amount of time a school district
1 34 with an enrollment of less than 750 students must employ a
1 35 school nurse.
2 1 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
2 2 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
2 3 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
2 4 district from state school foundation aid received by the
2 5 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 6 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
2 7 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
2 8 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
2 9 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
2 10 state mandates included in the bill.
2 11 The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.
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